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Dear Colleague:

I write to invite you to join the host committee for a fund raising reception in support of judicial candidate, Karlise Yvette Grier, to be held on September 9, 2010, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Peachtree Club, located at 999 Peachtree Street, 28th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30309.

I support Karlise because I know she is the best person running to become Fulton County's next superior court judge. Karlise's judicial experience and temperament, proven dedication to public service, and broad legal experience make her an excellent candidate for judge.

After graduating from Dartmouth College and the Emory University School of Law, Karlise began her 18-year legal career as an Associate at Kilpatrick Stockton, LLP in the commercial litigation group. She later left Kilpatrick Stockton to serve the citizens of Fulton County as an Assistant Solicitor General where she gained valuable jury and bench trial experience while prosecuting a variety of cases, including family violence cases.

Currently, with over 10 years of specialized experience, Karlise practices primarily in the area of family law. She is an experienced trial attorney with several reported cases, including her most recent appellate victory of Frazier v. Frazier, 280 Ga. 687, 631 S.E.2d 666 (2006), which she litigated from the filing of the answer through the appeal to the Georgia Supreme Court. Also, from May 2006 through December 2009, Karlise earned the distinction to serve as a judicial officer in the Fulton County Superior Court's family division. Many of the family law attorneys who appeared before Karlise join me in supporting her candidacy.

I first became familiar with Karlise during her work on my own campaign in 1998. Since then, I have watched her over the years as she has served and led in various capacities in the legal profession. In 2001, Karlise served as the 20th President of the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys ("GABWA"). As GABWA's President, Karlise led the establishment of GABWA's Sister to Sister mentoring program, and she provided pro bono service and leadership to GABWA's Civil Pro Bono Project — two programs that remain in place today. In 2000, Karlise served as Chair of the State Bar of Georgia's Women and Minorities in the Profession Committee where she worked with many groups, including the Georgia Association for Women Lawyers, to create a half-day training seminar called "Women on the Run." Over the years, Karlise still takes the time to serve, including visiting women's prisons to talk to incarcerated mothers about their legal rights and parental responsibilities and by training other attorneys to assist this underserved population. For the past 10 years, I also proudly watched Karlise serve on the State Bar of Georgia's Board of Governors as she advocated for a statewide indigent defense system and for State Bar support of access to our courts in civil cases by all Georgia residents, regardless of their ability to pay for an attorney. Karlise has provided leadership in the State Bar by serving for many years on the State Bar's Finance Committee and by previously serving on the State Bar's Advisory Committee on Legislation. In 2009, Kenneth L. Shigley recommended Karlise to serve on the State Bar's Committee on Electronic Court Filing.

I ask you to join Karlise's numerous supporters in ensuring that Fulton County elects the right candidate to its bench. In addition to your support, we are asking hosts of the September 9th event to also make a minimum contribution of \$250 to the Committee to Elect Karlise Yvette Grier. The Committee will use the funds it raises to educate Fulton County voters about why Karlise is the best candidate for this judicial position. Please return the enclosed contribution form along with your check for \$250 made payable to the Committee to Elect Karlise Yvette Grier or donate online at www.grierforjudge.com on or before **August 9, 2010**, to have your name included on the host Committee invitation for the event. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Brenda Colbert via telephone at (404) 287-2382 or via e-mail at Brenda@grierforjudge.com. I look forward to seeing you at the reception.

Sincerely,

Former Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia

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